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Dr. Joshua Lederberg President Rockefeller University 1230 York Avenue New York NY 10021

Dear Josh:

Fred Seitz and I are very pleased that you plan to attend our upcoming meeting of the CSIS Science and Technology Committee on October 1, 1984. We have two main areas of business before us: we need to follow through on the good work our three panels have done on network vulnerability, technology transfer, and technical manpower; and we want to look at some candidate topics for the Committee's continued consideration over the coming year. We have thus far identified some six possible areas of interest and expect that the Committee will, in its deliberations, focus on which should be pursued further and under what institutional approach.

We encourage you to let us know if you have some specific additional topics you feel the Committee should take up; the six that we expect to have on the agenda, each with a discussion leader, are:

- o The nature of the information revolution and the capacity of our society to incorporate its useful features without severe cultural and economic dislocation
- o The policy framework appropriate to the civil and military uses of space, especially in light of growing private sector interests
- o The policy possibilities of easing the difficulties of translating scientific and technological advances into deployed capabilities useful to society
- o The implications for arms control policies of the nuclear winter hypotheses
- o The possible role of new and emerging technologies in revolutionizing U.S. maritime policy and posture
- o The economic and political implications of certain vulnerabilities becoming manifest in the new panoply of "very smart" weapons under development

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Our Committee's Executive Secretary, Debra van Opstal, is the continuing point of contact for this meeting. She may be reached at (202) 775-3169.

Sincerely,

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